Demand and supply of fertilizers

†41. SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:
SHRI SHIVANAND TIWARI:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the production of chemical fertilizers in the country has not been in accordance with their demand during the last few years;

(b) if so, the facts thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that in order to meet the demand of fertilizers in the country, dependence on their import has increased; and

(d) if so, the quantum of increase in import of fertilizers to meet their demand in the country during the years 2003-04 and 2007-08?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI B.K. HANDIQUE): (a) to (d) Requirement of major fertilizers under subsidy regime in the country *viz.* Urea, DAP and complex grade fertilizers has shown increase during the past few years and the gap between requirement and production has been met through increased import of urea and Di-ammonium Phosphate (DAP). Details regarding production and import of urea and DAP during the years 2003-04 to 2007-08 are indicated below:-

(Lakh MT)

Year	Urea		DAP		Complexes**
	Production	Import	Production	Import	Production
2003-04	192.03	0.0	47.34	7.34	45.11
2004-05	202.64	6.41	51.84	6.44	53.63
2005-06	200.09	20.57	46.28	28.27	67.64
2006-07	203.09	47.19	48.52	28.75	74.64
2007-08	198.60	69.28	42.12	29.90*	58.50

*Includes 2.66 LMT of Mono-ammonium Phosphate.

**Complexes are not imported

Above table indicates that dependence on imports has increased.

Production of fertilizers

42. SHRI AMIR ALAM KHAN: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum of production of fertilizers in the country during the last two years, State-wise;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.